A Protestant CATECHISME FOR Little Children, OR Plain Scripture against POPERY.

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A PROTESTANT Catechiſme for little CHILDREN, &c.

1. Q. WHat Miracles is your Religion confirned by?

A. Divine, Mark. 16, 17, 18. 20. *Theſe ſignes ſhall follow them that beleive: in my Name ſhall they caſt out Devils, they ſhall ſpeak with new Tongues, they ſhall take up Serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it ſhall not hurt them. And they went forth, and preached every where. The Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with ſignes following.*

2. Q. What confirmation hath the Popiſh way?

A. Deviliſh. 2. Theſſ. 2. 9. *After the working of Satan, with all Powers, and Signes, and lying Wonders.*

3. Q. Are the Apocrypha Books to be owned as Gods Word?

A. No. Pro. 30. 5, 6. *Every word of God is pure: add thou not unto his words, leaſt he reprove thee, and thou be found a lyar.*

4. Q. Is the Scripture ſufficient for us without unwritten Traditions?

A. Yes. 2. Tim. 3. 16, 17. *All Scripture is given by inſpiration of God, and is profitable for Doctrine, for reproofe, for correction, for inſtruction in righteouſneſs: that the man of God may be perfect throughly furniſhed unto all good works.*

5. Q. Is it fit for the common people to read the Scriptures?

A. Yes. Acts 17. 11, 12. *Theſe were more noble then thoſe in* Theſſalonica, *in that they received the Word with all readyneſs of mind, and ſearched the Scriptures dayly, whether thoſe things were ſo. Therefore many of them believed.*

6. Q. Are we bound to own the *Popes* interpretation of Scripture?

A. No. 2 Pet. 1. 20, 21. *knowing this firſt, that no Prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation: for the Prophecy came not in old time by the will of Man: but holy men of God ſpake as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt.*

7. Q. Are all things neceſſary to Salvation plainly to be found in Scripture?

A. Yes. 2 Tim. 3. 15. *From a Child thou haſt known*

known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.

8. Q. Is the Church of *Rome* Mother and Mistress of all Churches?

A. No. Gal. 4. 26. *But* Jerusalem *which is above is free, which is the Mother of us all.*

9. Q. Ought we firmly to receive and embrace all customes and constitutions of the *Roman* Church?

A. No. Acts 15. 28, 29. *For it seemed good unto the holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that ye abstain from Meats offered to Idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from Fornication.*

10. Q. Ought all things delivered by the councell of *Trent* to be undoubtedly received?

A. No. 1 Tim. 4. 1, 2, 3. *The Spirit speaketh expresly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of Devils; speaking lyes in Hipocricy, having their conscience seared with a hot Iron: forbiding to Marry.*

11. Q. Is outward prosperity a note of the true Church?

A. No. 1 Cor. 15. 19. *If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.*

12. Q. Do you not dread the *Popes* Buls?

A. No. Mar. 16. 16. *He that believeth, and*

is baptized, ſhall be ſaved.

13. Q. Hath the *Pope* Authority to depoſe Kings?

A. No. 1 Pet. 2. 13, 14, 15. *Submit your ſelves to every ordinance of man for the Lords ſake; whether it be to the King as ſupream, or unto Governours, as unto them that are ſent by him, for the puniſhment of evil doers, and for the praiſe of them that do well. For ſo is the will of God.*

14. Q. May the *Pope* abſolve us from our Oath of Allegiance?

A. No. Ecc. 8. 2. *Keep the Kings commandment, and that in regard of the Oath of God.*

15. Q. May the *Pope* diſpence with Gods Commands?

A. No. Mat. 5. 19. *Whoſoever ſhall break one of theſe leaſt Commandements, and ſhall teach men ſo, he ſhall be called the leaſt in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

16. Q. Have *Peterpence* their Original from *Peter?*

A. No. Acts 3. 6. Peter *ſaid, Silver and Gold have I none.*

17. Q. Is the Prælate of *Rome Peters* Succeſſour?

A. No. Gal. 2. 7, 8, 9. *But contrarywiſe, when they ſaw, that the goſpel of the Uncircumciſion was comitted unto Me, as the goſpel*

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of the Circumciſion was unto Peter: (*for he that wrought affectually in* Peter *to the Apoſtil-ſhip of the circumciſion; The ſame was mighty in me towards the Gentiles.*) *And when* James, Cephas, *and* John, *who ſeemed to be Pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to Me and* Barnabas *the right hands of fellowſhip, that we ſhould go unto the Heathen, and they unto the Circumciſion.*

18. Q. Is there on Earth, one viſible head of the Church?

A. No. Eph. 4. 4, 5, 6. *There is one Body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptiſm, one God and Father of All.*

19. Q. Is the Popedome an office in the Miniſtry?

A. No. Eph. 4. 11, 12. *He gave ſome Apoſtles, and ſome Prophets, and ſome Evangeliſts, and ſome Paſtors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the Miniſtry, for the edifying of the body of Chriſt.*

20. Q. Is the *Pope* rightly termed His Holineſs?

A. No. 2 Th. 2. 3. *That man of ſin.*

21. Q. Is the *Popes* power from God or from Satan?

A. Satan, Rev. 13. 2. *The Dragon gave him his Power, and his Seat, and great Authority.*

22. Q. Are the Clergy exempt from under the civil Juriſdiction?

A. No. Rom. 13. 1. *Let every ſoul be ſubject unto the higher Powers: for there is no Power but of God.*

23. Q. Is it fit that Miniſters ſhould be Married?

A. Yes. 1 Tim. 3. 2. 4. *A Biſhop muſt be blameleſs, the Husband of one Wife, having his Children in ſubjection.*

24. Q. Do you approve of munkiſh Vowes of ſingle life?

A. No. 1 Cor. 7. 9. *If they cannot contain, let them Marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.*

25. Q. Are the Popiſh Feſtivals to be approved?

A. No. Gal. 4. 9, 10. *How turn you again to the weak and beggarly Elements, whereunto ye deſire again to be in bondage? Ye obſerve Dayes, and Months, and Times, and Years.*

26. Q. Do you forbear fleſh Meats on the Popiſh faſting dayes?

A. Nay. 1 Tim. 4. 4, 5. *For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refuſed, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is ſanctified by the Word of God, and Prayer.*

27. Q.

27. Q. May we worſhip Angels?

A. No. Rev. 22. 8, 9. *I fell down to worſhip before the feet of the Angel, which ſhewed me theſe things. Then ſaith he unto me, ſee thou do it not: for I am thy fellow Servant, and of thy brethren the Prophets, and of them which keep the ſayings of this Book: worſhip God.*

28. Q. Is it lawfull to pray to an Image?

A. No. Iſ. 45. 20. *They have no knowledge, that ſet up the wood of their Graven Image, and pray unto a God that cannot ſave.*

29. Q. Is it lawfull to worſhip Images?

A. No. Ex. 20. 4, 5. *Thou ſhalt not make unto thee any graven Image, or any likeneſs of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the Water under the Earth. Thou ſhalt not bow down thy ſelf to them, nor ſerve them: For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, viſiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me.*

30. Q. Do the Papiſts well in leaving out the ſecond Commandment?

A. No. Deu. 4. 13. *He declarded unto you his Covenant, which he commanded you to perform. Even Ten Commandments, and he wrote them upon two tables of Stone.*

31. Q. Is, thou ſhalt not covet thy Neighbours Wife, the Ninth Commandment?

A. No. Exod. 20. 17. *Thou ſhalt not covet thy*

thy Neighbours Houſe, thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbours Wife, nor his Manſervant, nor his Maid ſervant, nor his Oxe, nor his Aſs, nor any thing that is thy Neighbours.

32. Q. Are the Relicks of Saints to be worſhiped?

A. No. Acts 14. 15. *Sirs, why do ye theſe things? we alſo are men of like paſſions with you, and preach unto you, that ye ſhould turn from theſe Vanities, unto the living God.*

33. Q. May I worſhip a Crucifix?

A. No. Luk. 4. 8. *For it is written, thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and him only ſhalt thou ſerve.*

34. Q. May we pray to the Virgin *Mary*.

A. No. Luk. 11. 2. *When ye pray, ſay, Our Father which art in Heaven.*

35. Q. May we pray to Saints?

A. No. Acts 10. 25. 26. *As* Peter *was coming in,* Cornelius *met him, and fell down at his feet, and worſhipped him. But* Peter *took him up, ſaying, ſtand up. I my ſelf alſo am a man.*

36. Q. Are *Latine* Prayers to be uſed in a congregation that underſtand not that Language?

A. No. 1 Cor. 14. 14, 15. *For if I pray in an unknown Tongue, my Spirit prayeth, but my underſtanding is unfruitfull. What is it then? I will pray with the ſpirit, and will pray with the underſtand alſo.*

37. Q.

37. Q. May a Christian be in this life assured of salvation?

A. Yea. 1 Joh. 3. 14. *We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.*

38. Q. Is salvation to be attained by the Merits and Grace of Saints departed?

A. No. Gal. 6. 4, 5. *But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoycing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bare his own burden.*

39. Q. Are the souls of the deceased helped by the suffrages of the faithful?

A. No. Luk. 12. 58, 59. *When thou goest with thine Adversary to the Magistrate; as thou art in the way, give diligence, that thou mayest be delivered from him, lest he hale thee to the Judge, and the Judge deliver thee to the Officer, and the Officer cast thee into Prison. I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast payed the very last Mite.*

40. Q. Are there works of Superrogation.

A. No. Mat. 22. 37, 38, 39, 40. *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind. This is the first and great Commandment, and the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy Self. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.*

41. Q. Is the Virgin *Mary* our Saviour?

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A. No, Acts 4.10,11,12. *Jesus Christ is become the head of the Corner, neither is there salvation in any other.*

42. Q. Are all sins deadly, or but seven?

A. All. Ro. 6.23. *For the wages of sin is Death.*

43. Q. Is there a Purgatory to cleanse the righteous from the Sins, for which they have not satisfied in their life time?

A. No. 1 Joh. 1.7. *The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.*

44. Q. Can we deserve Salvation?

A. No. Rom. 3.27, 28. *Where is boasting then! it is excluded. By what Law of works? Nay, by the Law of Faith. Therefore we conclude, that a man is justified by Faith, without the deedes of the Law.*

45. Q. May Pardons be bought?

A. No. 1 Pet. 1.18. *For asmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as Silver and Gold.*

46. Q. Is Concupiscence in the Baptized sin?

A. Yea. Rom. 7.7. *I had not known Sin, but by the Law: For I had not known Lust, except the Law had said, thou shalt not Covet.*

47. Q. Is the practice of Baptizing Bels warrantable?

A. No. Mat. 28.19, 20. *Teach all Nations, Baptizing them in the Name of the Father,*

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and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghoſt: teaching them to obſerve all things, Whatſoever I have commanded you.

48. Q. Is the Maſs a ſacrifice for the Quick and the Dead?

A. No. Heb. 10. 14. *For by one Offering he hath perfected for ever them that are ſanctified.*

49. Q. Ought they which have right to the Lords Table, to partake of the Cup, as well as of the Bread?

A. Yes. Mat. 26. 26, 27. *As they were eating, Jeſus took Bread, and bleſſed it, and brake it, and gave it to the Diſciples, and ſaid, Take, Eat, this is my Body. And he took the Cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, ſaying, drink ye all of it.*

50. Q. Doth the Bread in the Communion remain Bread after the words of Conſecration?

A. Yes. 1 Cor. 11. 26, 27, 28. *For as often as ye eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, ye do ſhew the Lords death till he come: wherefore, whoſoever ſhall eat this Bread, and drink this Cup of the Lord unworthyly, ſhall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himſelf, and ſo let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.*

51. Q. Is *Rome* ſtiled *Babylon* in the Revelation?

A. Yea. Rev. 17. 3. 5. 9. 18. *I ſaw a woman ſit upon a Scarlet-coloured Beaſt, full of names*

of

of Blasphemy, having seven Heads: and upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, and Abomination of the Earth. *The seven Heads are seven Mountains, on which the Woman sitteth; and the woman which thou sawest, is that great City which reigneth over the Kings of the Earth.*

52. Q. May we joyn with *Rome?*

A. No. Rev. 18. 4, 5. *I hear'd a voyce from Heaven, saying, come out of her my People, that ye be not partakers of her Sins, and that ye receive not of her Plagues. For her sins have reached unto Heaven, and God hath remembred her iniquities.*

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